

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE**

January 31, 2007
Fifth Floor
Conference Room 2

Department of Health Professions
6603 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230

A working session of the Examination Committee of the Board of Pharmacy was held at the request of the Board for the purpose of receiving information related to the ExCPT examination and formulating a recommendation for the Board. This meeting started at 1:30PM.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Michael Stredler
Jennifer Edwards
Brandon Yi
Gill Abernathy
Elizabeth Scott Russell, Executive Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Caroline Juran, Deputy Executive Director
Howard M. Casway, Assistant Attorney General

**PRESENTATION ON THE
EXCPT EXAMINATION**

Ken Schafermeyer presented information to the committee related to the ExCPT examination. He is seeking to have this examination approved as a second "Board approved" examination for eligibility for applicants for registration as a pharmacy technician. The exam is a two-hour, 100 question examination, with 10 additional pre-test questions, that is similar to the Virginia exam, but longer. The Virginia examination is a 50 question-exam with several questions specifically related to Virginia law. Mr. Schafermeyer had discussed his request with the full board at its September 2006 meeting, but did not have documentation at that time that the test had been determined to have met the standards of the Joint Technical Standards for Education and Psychological Testing (American Psychological Association, current edition). The Board referred this matter to the Examination Committee for a more in-depth discussion and review. Mr. Schafermeyer stated that a letter from Dana Hammer provided to the committee was documentation that the ExCPT exam met the APA standards, however the letter does not say that, and is just a preliminary review, not an actual audit. Mr. Schafermeyer stated that the audit indicates the Virginia exam meets the accreditation standards of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, which is a higher standard than the APA, that the APA only addresses testing, and that the NCCA contains the APA standards as well as other standards for registration, test site specifications, etc. Ms. Russell explained that even though Mr. Schafermeyer's statements indicate that both exams meet the APA standards, that the Board needs written

documentation specifically stating this, and requested that he provide the Board with this documentation before the Board could consider his request. He stated that he would have Ms. Hammer provide such a letter. There were some additional questions about whether having Ms. Hammer perform the independent audit while appearing on his list of expert panel members for the exam constituted a conflict. Mr. Schafermeyer stated that he hired her to conduct the independent audit and provide advice to the expert committee on psychometrics. He did not consider this a conflict.

**DISCUSSION ON CUT
SCORE**

Mr. Schafermeyer stated that for the Virginia examination, the Board needed to convene a committee to establish an appropriate cut score for the exam forms currently in use. Ms. Russell questioned whether there was a need for additional test forms to be developed. Mr. Schafermeyer stated that there are currently three test forms available and that he has been rotating questions from the item bank on and off test forms based on the exam blueprint. Ms. Russell reminded Mr. Schafermeyer that according to the contract, the Board owns the item bank for the Virginia examination, and that for this reason, the items need to be separate from the items used on the ExCPT examination.

ADJOURN:

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.

Elizabeth Scott Russell
Executive Director

Date